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11. This message provides responses to the questions posed in para 6(O) of Ref A.

a) Finalizing and Enacting Draft Law on Child Trafficking:

no progress; the draft legislation has yet to emerge from the Ministry of Justice

b) Increasing Efforts to Arrest, Prosecute, and Convict Traffickers:

Chadian authorities have detained some suspected offenders but cannot legally arrest them and/or bring them to justice because there is no law in place. A Catholic organization called "Peace and Justice Commission" reported that nine suspected child abusers were arrested on June 16, 2008 in the regions of Mandoul and Koumra, and then released after paying "fines."

c) Investigating/Punishing Official Complicity in Trafficking:

no progress

d) Ensuring that Children are not Unlawfully Conscripted into the Chadian National Army:

We believe that the practice of recruiting under-age children into the Chadian National Army (ANT) has greatly diminished since the June 2007 agreement with UNICEF (Ref C).

[NOTE: The Chadian National Army Law of 16 January 1991 specifies a minimum recruitment age of 18 years. Chad ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on August 28, 2002.]

e) Collaborating with Local and International NGOs:

Over the last three years, the GoC has authorized a local NGO called "ARED" (Association pour la Recuperation des Enfants en Detresse), which is based in Koumra, to remove children from forced labor with herders and place them in training and re-education centers operated by ARED. ARED says some 500 children have been rescued from 2006 to 12008.

f) Raising Awareness about Trafficking in Persons:

The Governors of the southern regions of Moyen Chari (in Sarh) and Mandoul (in Koumra) are planning a joint conference on Child Trafficking and Trafficking in Persons at a still-to-be-decided date. Post will report on this development when details emerge.

g) Other Significant Developments:

The UN peacekeeping mission, MINURCAT, has been preventing recruitment in Chad's eastern refugee camps by the Sudanese Army and rebel groups. However, in the post-rainy season, there have been reports that recruiting by the Sudanese rebel group JEM has increased. MINURCAT is in the process of training a newly created

GoC security unit, the Integrated Security Division (DIS) to assume the job of policing the refugee camps.

In response to the June 2008 visit to Chad by the SRSG for Children Associated with Armed Conflict, the GoC agreed to release more than 60 children from detention and to verification visits to military camps and training areas to prevent future recruitment of children.